

Five Mingo Miners Shot By Troopers

**State Police and Deputies
Escape Trap Laid by
1,500 Armed Men; Des-**

**Exchange Volleys
Eight Feet Apart**

Citizens Are Aroused
STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, ETHEL, W. Va., Aug. 28.—Five men fell in an encounter early this morning between an armed band and state troopers on Beach Creek, Logan County, near the Boone-

Whether all the men who fell were killed Captain Brockus was unable to state. He added that after his

men had seen those who had fallen picked up and carried away by their companions the state troopers and deputies retired, because some of their number were in civilian clothes and it was difficult to distinguish them in the darkness from the men comprising the armed band.

The clash was at close range, according to Captain Brockus's report, the men firing at each other when but eight to ten feet apart.

out from Logan yesterday, ostensibly toward Blair and Sharples. **Four** of the prisoners escaped during the engagement, it was said, and one of them is believed to have been killed. Captain Brockus was at the head of the advance guard of troopers and deputies. It was this detachment, com-

armed band. The patrol, while proceeding toward Sharples, Captain Brockus reported, ran across five men on foot. All were armed with rifles and one had a shotgun, he said.

"We called upon these men to disarm, which they did," the captain continued. "We placed them under arrest

and proceeded down the road. Further on we met two automobiles and placed six additional armed men under arrest.

Shots Answer Challenge

"With the eleven prisoners we marched on toward Sharples and came upon another squad of five armed men. Some one called to us that we would not be allowed to pass. We called upon

"Our men returned the fire, and in the fight five men fell to the ground. We waited until we saw that they were picked up and carried away, and then decided to discontinue the advance for the present. It was very dark and some of our deputies were in civilian clothes, hampering our distinguishing them."

He said that later reports from Sharpley indicated the state police had "played in luck" in stopping where they did.

"We learned from Sharpley that there were between 1,500 and 2,000 armed miners waiting for us to walk into a trap," Captain Broekus said.

secured a very serious situation would have developed."

All along the way, the state police officer explained, "pet shots" were being taken at the officers from men hidden in houses and in ambush.

Governor Hears of Clash

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 28.—"Possibility of serious trouble" in the

Blair-Sharpley region of Logan County was intimidated in a telephone message to Governor Morgan to-day, he announced early to-night. Half an hour after the Governor made this announcement Adjutant General John H. Charnock and three United Mine Workers officials departed for Logan, where they will attempt to pacify the miners.

Armed men have captured three dep-

Feeling is so tense that Chafin is having trouble in holding back armed bands of citizens of Logan, the county seat, who are demanding they be allowed to attack the armed forces at once, the Governor said.

Sharples is fifteen miles from Madison, the county seat of Boone County, where President C. F. Keeney of the United Mine Workers last Friday turned back the men who were marching from Marmet to Mingo County.

Miners Well Organized

It contains about a thousand people and is only a short distance from Blair. The miners in this section are organized.

Several weeks ago a detail of state police and deputy sheriffs were sent from Logan to establish a post of the

police in that section. When they neared Sharps they were met by a body of armed men who surrounded and surprised them, and, according to reports sent out from Logan, they were disarmed and ordered out of the county. They arrived in Logan early the next morning and reported the incident to Sheriff Chafin.

Later yesterday Captain Brockus, with a large detachment of state police